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At four o'clock yesterday morning, a strong and alarming shock of an earthquake was felt in this town. Its duration was, perhaps, two minutes; some think it continued much longer. The rocking, or rather jirking was often repeated and violent. It seemed as if some monstrous weight had rolled, or swung almost out of the power of force which was restrianing it, and that that power by desperate tugs and efforts wrenched it back again. It went off with a trembling like the quivering of a vessel at sea, after it has sustained a rugged stroke from an enormous and impetuous wave.

A few minutes before eleven o'clock last evening another shock was felt by many persons, nearly equal in force and violence to that in the morning.